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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed 24 July 2002 (Paper No. 7) (herein "Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record and consideration of this amendment and response. As this amendment and response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response of 3 months, no fee is required. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12, 16-26, 37, and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and amend the claims as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of modulating the activity of a mammalian type II topoisomerase enzyme comprising contacting said enzyme with a compound of formula (Ia) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof:
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